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**Attorney Docket No. T6441**

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***DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION***

I, **KURT R. BROWNING**, declare: that I am a citizen of the United States of America; that my residence and post office address is as shown below adjacent to my name; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention entitled **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ACTIVE DETECTION OF CONNECTION TO A NETWORK**, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the specification filed on March 30, 1998 as Serial No. 09/050,290 (I hereby authorize the attorneys of **THORPE, NORTH & WESTERN** to fill in said serial no. when known); that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Wherefore, I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

Signed at Thousand Oaks Calif. this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

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